

EDUCATION (IRELAND).

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMISSIONERS of EDUCATION in *Ireland*,
to His Excellency the LORD LIEUTENANT, for the Year ending the 25th day
of March 1854.

(Pursuant to Act of Parliament, 53 Geo. 3, c. 167.)

TO HIS EXCELLENCY EDWARD GRANVILLE EARL OF ST GERMAN'S,
LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL
AND GENERAL-GOVERNOR OF IRELAND, &c. &c. &c.

WE, "the Commissioners of Education in Ireland," appointed by an Act of Parliament passed in the 63d year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, do, in obedience to the provisions thereof, respectfully submit to your Excellency our General Report of the Proceedings of the Board since their last Report, and in doing so we beg to state to your Excellency that the Returns called for from time to time from this Board by Orders of The House of Commons within the last year, and to which we beg to direct your Excellency's attention, set forth minutely all the details connected with the various Schools, and their respective Endowments, under our control, such as the number of pupils attending each of them as boarders, as day scholars, and as free pupils, the charges for those who pay, the particulars of the estates or endowments of each School, the actual receipts arising from each, and the amount and particulars of expenditure in maintaining the Schools and managing the Estates. Under such circumstances, an Annual Report is deprived of most of its interest, or involves a repetition of details of matters already published, and our proceedings do not otherwise furnish much variety of matter for report, although much time and attention is necessarily occupied in carrying them out.

The Returns furnished to us show the Royal Schools generally to be well attended by pupils, and the course of instruction given at them to be of a very extended character; the cultivation of modern languages being much more attended to than formerly.

In reference to the course of examination prescribed by us for the candidates in the University for Royal Scholarships, several publications and letters have lately been addressed to us by various parties advocating strongly different views as to what that course should be. We have not, however, felt disposed, at least at present, to make any material alteration therein; but we have, in compliance with the unanimous wishes of the Schoolmasters, and the desire of the parents of several pupils, varied the limit as to the age at which a student was precluded

from becoming a candidate for a Royal Scholarship, by extending it to the end of his twentieth year. And we beg to submit to your Excellency the following List of such Exhibitions now in course of payment by us:—

R. Reeves	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	per annum.
S. Anderson	-	-	-	-	-	35 l.	"
W. C. Eades	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
T. B. Tracey	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
W. P. Robinson	-	-	-	-	-	35 l.	"
H. R. Greene	-	-	-	-	-	30 l.	"
W. Hubbert	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
L. Richards	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
F. Smith	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
C. C. Baker	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
W. E. Foy	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
J. W. Chambers	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
H. S. Lodge	-	-	-	-	-	30 l.	"
C. J. Weir	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
R. T. Hopkins	-	-	-	-	-	30 l.	"
R. Gwynne	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
H. M. Rodgers	-	-	-	-	-	30 l.	"
W. Bradford	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
A. M. Mitchell	-	-	-	-	-	30 l.	"
J. W. Quintin	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
T. W. Carson	-	-	-	-	-	30 l.	"
F. F. Flynn	-	-	-	-	-	50 l.	"
J. C. Lowry	-	-	-	-	-	30 l.	"
J. Ross	-	-	-	-	-	20 l.	"
R. Irvine	-	-	-	-	-	20 l.	"
J. Read	-	-	-	-	-	20 l.	"
E. Rogers	-	-	-	-	-	20 l.	"

During the past year we have expended in keeping the various School-houses under our care in a proper condition such sums as were necessary, the particulars of which will appear very extensively in a Return now in course of preparation, in obedience to an Order of the House of Commons.

In reference to Banagher School Estate, we regret to have been obliged to take legal proceedings, which are still pending, against the surviving Surety of our former Receiver.

The Raphoe School Estate, long in an almost hopeless condition, appears now to hold out a prospect of improvement. And we have authorised our local agent in some instances to accept labour in improving the roads, &c. on the Estate, and making fences, instead of arrears of rent due by the tenants; and also to advance small sums on loan, to enable them to purchase flax-seed and lime for manure.

With regard to Tullyvin School, one of private endowment, we have recently procured the appointment of two new Trustees, and also the approval of the Court of Chancery, to make annually a somewhat increased expenditure, with a view to carrying out more fully the intentions of the founder.

At Cleland, where the endowed School appears now to be reviving, we have purchased from the Master, at an expense of 60 l., certain fixtures which he had erected at his private cost, and which we are of opinion are beneficial to the establishment.

At Eyrecoourt a new Master has taken possession of the School, having been lately appointed by the Trustees.

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We beg farther to state to your Excellency, that we have, since our last Report, paid to the credit of King Charles the Second's Hospital, Oxmantown, the proportion of the net rents of the Navan and Ballyroan Estates, to which that Hospital is entitled; but we regret that we are still quite unable to repay His Grace the Lord Primate any further sum on account of His Grace's munificent expenditure on the School-houses of Armagh and Dungannon; nor are we in a position to repay to the Government the remaining instalments due on account of money advanced to build Clonsilla School-house.

As regards the Diocesan Schools, we beg to report to your Excellency that the Masterhips of the Cloyne Diocesan School and also of the Ross Diocesan School are vacant, and that the right to appoint to the vacant Offices is vested in the Government.

And we regret to be obliged to report that many of the Diocesan School-houses are much in want of repair, but that we have no funds whatsoever under our control applicable to so desirable an object.

All which we beg to submit to your Excellency as our Report.

(signed)	MAZIEUR BRADY, C.	(L.S.)
	JOS. H. MEATH.	(L.S.)
	JAMES CORK.	(L.S.)
	F. BLACKBURN.	(L.S.)
	ROBERT SHAW.	(L.S.)
	RICHARD MACDONNELL.	(L.S.)
	ACHESON LYLE.	(L.S.)
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25 April 1854. }

W^m Cotter Kyle, M.D.,
Secretary.

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